

**TO: The Greater San Antonio Executive Board**  
**FROM: Katie Ferrier**  
**SUBJECT: Changes to SAWS Drought Management Rules**  
**STATUS: Approved by Council**

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***Our Statement:***

The Greater San Antonio Chamber of Commerce supports the proposed changes to the City Code on updated drought and conservation rules from the San Antonio Water System (SAWS) to change the enforcement mechanism and implement a high use surcharge.

Balanced water management practices and assured access to clean water are essential to the continued economic growth and job creation in our community. Water is a finite resource that is only renewable if well managed. The Greater Chamber appreciates the nationally recognized efforts of SAWS to ensure a sustainable supply of water for our community that protects our future economic potential. We encourage SAWS leadership to continue maintaining competitive rates with other markets and protect business customers from any disproportionate cost burden.

**City Council Approved Today**

City Council voted to approve amending Chapter 34 of the City Code which allowed for updates including the addition of a non-compliance charge to SAWS bill and updates to drought surcharge provisions.